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Written Testimony

I write on behalf of stewardship, heritage protection and in favor of the future of the children of Hawaii. I also write on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. Hawai'i's freshwater springs have all but disappeared – many filled in for development, ending the fresh and salt water connection that is critical to the life cycle of many native species. In Kuli'ou'ou, you have a rare opportunity to permanently protect a fertile estuary that is home to rare freshwater limpets pipiwai and hapawai that cling to the Hawaiian drystack wall lining the spring, 'ama'ama (mullet) and āholehole (young Hawaiian flagtail) that feed on the prized green limu 'ele'ele that blankets the spring floor, native shrimp 'opae 'oeha'a and 'opae huna, and endangered 'ae'o (Hawaiian stilts) that feed in Kānewai Fishpond. I write in support of the funding for Kānewai Spring and I write in opposition to the suggested amendment to delete the funding

under the proposed draft FD1 by Councilman Ozawa. Kānewai Spring represents a priceless treasure for cultural, educational and conservation. Kānewai Spring represents vital community awareness of the role fishponds played throughout Hawaiian history and their contributions to erosion control and reversing ecological damage. I write because without the protection of funding to purchase and preserve Kānewai Spring, (as the City Clean Water and Natural Lands Commission has so strongly recommended), Kānewai Spring, its life-giving source of water for endangered fish and wildlife species, Paikō Wildlife Sanctuary and the integrity of Maunalua Bay is under tremendous peril from the pressure to develop at the site. I write to strongly urge you NOT to remove vital purchase and protection funding from Bill 15. I write to urge you to protect Kānewai Spring; deny its preservation and you bear the burden of ripping another page from Hawai'i's book of unwritten history. Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Kamili'iaekaua Erickson

**Testimony
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